

Mother Teresa is one of the most magnetic figures in the history of the world. Wherever she went, crowds followed in hope of seeing her or hearing her speak. When she did speak, it was with great humility, employing simple yet moving phrases.

Few people in the history of the world have done more to help their fellow human beings than Mother Teresa. She was truly the ultimate example of what it means to be a caring person. I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in formally paying tribute to the many contributions of Mother Teresa.

RECOGNIZING PROFESSOR  
CLINTON N. HEWITT

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 15, 2003*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the distinguished Professor Clinton N. Hewitt, a renowned lecturer, author, and community activist. Throughout his professional career he has been committed to serving education and his community alike.

Professor Hewitt is a proud native of Virginia and a graduate of the Virginia Public School System. He holds undergraduate degrees from Virginia State University and Michigan State University. Furthermore, Professor Hewitt has earned a graduate degree in Landscape Architecture at Michigan State University and has completed the Institute of Education Management Program at Harvard University. Currently, Professor Hewitt is a full-time faculty member at the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at the University of Minnesota. Before deciding to teach full-time he served as the Associate Vice President for planning at the University of Minnesota for nearly thirty years. It was there that he managed the planning, design, and construction of facilities with funding well over one billion dollars. In addition, Professor Hewitt is the past president of the Society for College and University Planning (SCUP), an organization recognized nationally and internationally as the leader in prompting the practice of comprehension planning in higher education.

Professor Hewitt has been recognized for his achievements on many occasions. He has received SCUP's Founders Award for Distinguished Achievement in Higher Education Planning, as well as its Distinguished Service Award. Professor Hewitt has also received the American Institute of Architecture Minnesota Honor and Special Awards for leading its Minority Scholarship Program in 2000 and the Distinguished Service to Higher Education Planning, Torch and Shield Award. He has been given memberships to Alpha Kappa Mu National Honorary Society, Beta Kappa Chi Honorary Science Society, Kappa Phi Kappa Professional Education Fraternity, and Sigma Lambda Alpha Honor Society in Landscape Architecture. In 1987, Professor Hewitt spread his community service internationally when he was one of eleven delegates of U.S. College and University Facilities Administrators who were invited to visit China to examine common problems and develop facilities management programs.

Beyond Professor Hewitt's extraordinary professional career, he has given back much

to his community. He serves on the Board of the University of Minnesota YMCA, the Minnesota Architectural Foundation Board, and the Board of Directors of Hope Community. He is a member of the Minneapolis University Rotary Club, NAACP, and the American Association for Higher Education.

Mr. Speaker, Professor Hewitt has been an asset to the betterment of higher education. His contributions have been great and selfless to those around him. I ask that my colleagues rise and join me in honoring Professor Clinton N. Hewitt.

ADOPTION PROMOTION ACT OF  
2003, H.R. 3182

**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 15, 2003*

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3182, the Adoption Promotion Act of 2003. As we approach the holiday season, our thoughts are often filled with happy family memories. Thousands of families across this great country have relied on adoption for added joy in their home. I am pleased to support the Adoption Promotion Act of 2003 and the included incentives for each state to promote adoption and find families for the thousands of children who would prosper with a stable family. As a husband and proud father of three children, I can attest to the joy they have brought, and continue to bring, into my life.

According to the 2000 Census statistics, 19,733 children have been adopted in Kansas, 3 percent of children under 18 years of age. I am pleased that only 4 states have a higher adoption rate.

Adoption is a satisfying choice and one which spans generations. Chuck Knapp, a member of my staff, was adopted. His mother was also adopted, and he and his wife are proud parents of two sons, one of whom is adopted. His example is testament to the benefits of adoption.

We need to do a better job of encouraging adoption and holding each state's adoption agency accountable to timely work applications. We can all be grateful for someone who has come into our lives through this beautiful choice. For me, I have gained a friend and a fabulous member of my staff.

It is with great anticipation that I support this bill for its benefits are greatly needed as America continues to foster her families. I thank Representative Dave Camp for introducing this important bill and I would like to encourage my colleague to join me in voting "aye" for H.R. 3182.

HONORING THOMAS HOBBS

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 15, 2003*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Thomas Hobbs, on his receipt of the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V. This long delayed award recognizes the incredible heroism and dedication to service dis-

played by Thomas Hobbs when he served his country in South Vietnam more than 30 years ago.

In 1970 Thomas Hobbs was serving as a Specialist 4 with Recon Team 1, Company E, 3rd Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade. Specialist Hobbs was participating in a multi-team ambush of communist forces in the Suoi Ca Valley when Recon Teams I and 2 of Company E engaged a much larger enemy force. Team 2 was pinned down by enemy fire, with several of its own members wounded. Specialist Hobbs, without thought of his own safety, left the perimeter of Team I to bring aid and additional firepower to Team 2. With his help, Team 2 was able to survive the communist attack. Without his bravery, Team 2 would have been overrun, and the long list of Americans sacrificed in the defense of freedom would have been even longer.

I learned of this act of heroism when I received a letter from Ken Burbank, one of the men in Team 2 whom Thomas Hobbs helped save. For more than 30 years, he had remembered the brave soldier who had come to the aid of his unit that dark and dangerous night, and continued to look for Thomas Hobbs so he could thank him for saving his life. I was pleased to recommend to the Army that they honor Thomas Hobbs for his bravery, and I look forward to being able to present him with his award. All Americans should keep the courage and self-sacrifice of Thomas Hobbs, and the men and women who follow in his footsteps today, in mind when enjoying the freedoms he fought so bravely for.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL ZIRPOLO

**HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 15, 2003*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to honor Dr. Michael A. "Mike" Zirpolo upon his retirement after nearly forty-five years of practicing medicine in the State of California since his graduation from the University of California. Mike has distinguished himself throughout his career as a dedicated family practice physician who has ministered to thousands of his patients, without regard to whether they could afford the necessary patient care by relying on his independent medical judgment as opposed to non medical determinations.

Dr. Zirpolo is nationally known and recognized by both civilian and military pilots for his years of dedication to his additional specialty as a Class I FAA Airmen Medical Examiner, during which he has examined and certified thousands of pilots and ensured the safety of civil aviation by adhering to the highest standards of examination for the certification of pilots.

Dr. Zirpolo has played an important role in air passenger and pilot safety during his medical practice and membership in the Civil Aviation Medical Association, American Academy of Air Traffic Control Medicine and Aerospace Medical Association. He has enjoyed the respect and recognition of many active and retired military pilots during his years of practice for his patriotism. Though he is retiring from his general medical practice, he will continue to devote his medical examination efforts to